

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

From the November 2012 Meeting

**Planning Applications:** At this meeting there were two planning applications for the Councillors to consider: the first was for Land adjacent to Thistledown, Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton FUL/MAL/12/00831: demolish existing redundant workshop and erection of one pair of semi-detached cottages and associated external works – the Parish Council objected to this application as it is outside the village development boundary and therefore contrary to the Parish Council's Planning Policy and because of the scale and bulk of the proposed development. The second application related to Farthingdale Farm, Hackmans Lane, Cold Norton FUL/MAL/12/00804: change of use from Nanny Annexe and redundant Nursery School to domestic uses ancillary to the use of Farthingdale Farm including minor amendments to external elevations – the Parish Council had no objections to this application.

**Planning Decisions:** There were two decisions from MDC advised to the Council this month, namely: FUL/MAL/12/00636 St Stephens Church: Temporary permission for 10 years for a wooden outbuilding to house a composting toilet as an interim measure - MDC granted permission (Cold Norton PC had not objected to this application). The second decision notified was for 18 Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton FUL/MAL/12/00790: extend existing dormer window to the rear - refused by Maldon District Council (Cold Norton PC had not objected to this application).

This is just a summary of planning applications and decisions – if you would like to see full details of any of the above please contact the Maldon District Council offices on 01621 854477 or visit the web site [www.maldon.gov.uk](http://www.maldon.gov.uk) or contact the Clerk – details below.

**Essex Best Kept Playing Fields Competition 2012:** Cold Norton was awarded two Certificates of Merit – one for the playing field in general and one for the football pitch.

**Children's Football:** Woodham Radars FC Youth Section reported to the Parish Council that the U9 teams have played regularly at Cold Norton since the season began and are doing well in their leagues. (See back of Beacon for contact number re Children's football)

**Fly Tipping:** a large quantity of tyres was dumped along St Stephens Road close to and actually in Cowpiece; Maldon District Council very promptly removed these. Thank you to the residents who reported this to the Clerk.

**Notice Board near Zebra Crossing:** as no comments or requests were received, a new notice board at this site will not be erected at this point in the village. Other notice boards in the village are to be found at the corner of Victoria Road, outside the school, in the village hall and outside 14 Latchingdon Road.

**Buses:** Council still has copies of the local bus map and timetable for buses D1, D2, D4, D6 – please contact the Clerk if you would like a copy (details at the end of this report)

**Winter Salt Bag scheme:** ECC are continuing this scheme again this winter. Please contact the Clerk if you want to join the team of volunteers for your road.

**Parish Council Meetings:** Scheduled for 2012: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December and provisional date for the January 2013 meeting is Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>. Meetings start at 8pm in The Norton Meeting Room at the Village Hall. Members of the public are warmly welcomed to hear the proceedings and to speak during the time set aside for that purpose.

**To contact the Parish Council:** please write to: The Parish Clerk (Maria Dyer), at Exordium, 30b Latchingdon Road, Cold Norton, Chelmsford, Essex. CM3 6JG. E-Mail to [mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mariadyer30@yahoo.co.uk) or phone (Monday to Friday before 5 pm please) 01621 829566.